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TOSEC 308

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, MARCH 11, FROM LISBON RPTD  
TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1322

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 7 AS OF 3:30 P.M. LOCAL

1. BRIGADIER OTELO DE SARAIVA CARVALHO GAVE RADIO  
INTERVIEW AT 3:15 P.M. SPOKE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES  
IN CALM BUT OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS VOICE. OTELO SAID AFM  
COMPLETELY DOMINATING SITUATION AND HE SOUGHT THROUGHOUT INTER-  
VIEW TO MINIMIZE EVENTS AT AIRPORT. OTELO SAID THAT AIRPORT  
SITUATION WAS RESULT OF "MISUNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN PARATROOPS  
AND ARTILLERY REGIMENT, THAT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT THERE  
WERE COMMUNISTS IN THE REGIMENT, BUT THAT NOW "PERFECT UNDER-  
STANDING" HAD BEEN RESTORED.

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2. OTELO REPEATEDLY APPEALED FOR THE POPULACE TO REMAIN CALM

AND TO STAY OFF THE STREETS. HE SAID THE AFM DOMINATED THE SITUATION AND THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SHOW HOSTILITY TO ANY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. IN SPITE HIS EFFORT TO DOWN-PLAY SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION, OTELO ALSO APPEALED TO PEOPLE TO "BLOCK REACTIONARY MANEUVERS" AND HE STATED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE (UNNAMED) FOR AIRPORT ATTACK WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED WHOEVER THEY ARE.

3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OTELO INTERVIEW, RADIO CARRIED BRIEF COMMUNIQUE FROM OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES. COMMUNIQUE STATED: INCIDENTS AT AIRPORT RESULTED FROM REACTIONARY FORCES TRYING TO STOP REVOLUTION; GROUND ELEMENTS TRIED TO OCCUPY RAL-1 GARRISON BUT DID NOT SUCCEED; SITUATION UNDER CONTROL; POPULACE SHOULD REMAIN CALM AND VIGILANT; REVOLUTION IS IRREVERSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: AS OF NOW IT APPEARS THAT WHATEVER WAS ATTEMPTED VIA ATTACK AT AIRPORT HAS FIZZLED. CARLUCCI UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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